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REFERENCE: STATE 17954

1. EMBOFF JANUARY 28 REVIEWED USG AND GOI POSITION ON ILLICIT
PAYMENTS ISSUE IN ECOSOC IN LIGHT REFTTEL AND USG PRELIMINARY
PAPER SUBMITTED AT INITIAL WORKING GROUP MEETING IN NOVEMBER 1976
WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REP MANFREDI (OFFICE OF

MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS). MANFREDI NOTED PREVIOUSLY-EXPRESSED GOI SUPPORT FOR TREATY ON CORRUPT PRACTICES, BUT INDICATED THAT GOI DEL AT MEETING BEGINNING JANUARY 31 WOULD BE SUPPORTING A SOMEWHAT WIDER INTERPRETATION OF CORRUPT PRACTICE TO BE TREATED BY THE WORKING GROUP. REVIEW OF USG PRELIMINARY IDEA SUBMITTED AT NOVEMBER 1976 MEETING BY INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BY MINISTRY OF JUSTICE (ACCORDING TO MANFREDI, BY MINISTER BONIFACIO HOMSELF), BOTH INFLUENTIAL IN FORMING GOI SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE, INDICATED NEED FOR BETTER BALANCE AND FOR WIDER APPLICATION. BOTH CHAMBER AND MINJUSTICE HAD CONCLUDED THAT WEIGHT OF SANCTIONS FELL MAINLY AND EXCESSIVELY ON INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES AND THAT USG PRELIMINARY IDEA WERE INSUFFICIENTLY COMPREHENSIVE REGARDING PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED. CHAMBER SUGGESTED THAT WORKING GROUP SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTATION AND BANKRUPTCY AND OTHER SHADY BUSINESS PRACTICES; MINJUSTICE BELIEVES WORKING GROUP SHOULD ADDRESS, BESIDES BRIBERY, UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES, TRANSFER PRICE MANIPULATION, MARKET MONOPOLIZATION, ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE IN HOST COUNTRY POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND OTHER MARKET ABUSES. AS WELL, MINJUSTICE CALLED FOR MORE EXACT DEFINITION OF BRIBERY DEFINED AS SUCH BY VIRTUALLY ALL COUNTRIES) AND OF OTHER CORRUPT PRACTICES. EMBOFF OBSERVED THAT USG WOULD RESIST DISPERSION OF EFFORT WHICH WOULD BE RESULT IF MINJUSTICE AND CHAMBER VIEWS WERE ACCEPTED AND EMPHASIZED NEED FOR CONCENTRATION ON SINGLE, REACHABLE OBJECTIVE.

2. MORE THAN SUBSTANCE, HOWEVER, GOI WAS CONCERNED WITH PROBLEM OF REPRESENTATION. MANFREDI EMPHASIZED CONTINUING ITALIAN INTEREST IN BEING SELECTED AS WEO MEMBER. NEVERTHELESS, HE DID NOT RPT NOT SEE ANY IMMEDIATE POSSIBILITY OF REACHING AGREEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BECAUSE NONE OF CURRENT ASPIRANTS APPEAR WILLING TO CEDE IN FAVOR OF OTHERS. EMBOFF INDICATED USG DESIRE THAT PROBLEM BE RESOLVED AND ITS CONCURRENT DESIRE THAT ASPIRANTS DECIDE ISSUE OF REPRESENTATION AMONG THEMSELVES.

3. MANFREDI INDICATED THAT, PENDING REOLUTION OF REPRESENTATION ISSUE, GOI REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE OLIVIERO ROSSI, NUMBER TWO AT GOI UN MISSION. HE SAID THAT MFA'S MINISTER MIGLIUOLO (IN CHARGE OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE AND PROBABLY ONLY FIGURE IN GOI REALLY FAMILIAR WITH RAMIFICATIONS OF ISSUE) WOULD HAVE ATTENDED IF ITALY HAD BEEN SELECTED AS MEMBER OF WORKING GROUP. BEAUDRY

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